

Dear Honorable Members of the Joint Committee on Planning and Development,

My name is Mary Ellen R. Hagedus and I am a Trumbull, CT resident. It is with great urgency that I implore you to support HB 5170 An Act Concerning the Tethering and Sheltering of Dogs. It defies comprehension that this legislation has not been passed.

Our winters can be extremely cold and our summers extremely hot. Such climactic extremes put our dog's welfare in jeopardy. Just thinking about these animals being left outside is extremely upsetting. In my mind, and in the minds of so many other Connecticut residents, this constitutes neglect and abuse.

Connecticut needs to join other states that have already put these protections in place: this bill is humane, fair and straight-forward. Animal Control officer will have the tools necessary to intervene BEFORE the situation becomes life-threatening.

It is extremely disheartening to think that we need legislation to address this issue. Since this Bill passed the House overwhelmingly in 2018- let's finish this and protect such vulnerable animals.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.
Please pass HB 5170.

Sincerely,
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